

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY PEKING  
CINCPAC  
CINCEUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 6669

E.A. GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINR, AF  
CINCPAC: FOR POLAD  
CINCEUR: FOR POLAD

SUBJECT: KABUL REMAINS CALM AS CIVILIAN TAKEOVER OF ARMED  
FORCES APPEARS UNCHALLENGED

REF: KABUL 6668

1. AS OF 0730 LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 18, KABUL REMAINS QUIET AND LIFE  
APPEARS NORMAL. THE TANKS STATIONED AROUND RADIO AFGHANISTAN  
(NEXT TO THE EMBASSY) AND INSIDE THE FORMER PALACE GROUNDS ARE  
STILL UNSHROUDED, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THEIR CREWS ARE  
ON AN UNUSUALLY HIGH STATE OF ALERT. IN CONTRAST TO RECENT NIGHTS,  
THERE WAS NO OVERNIGHT AIR ACTIVITY, WHICH COULD SUGGEST THAT  
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ALL PLANES IN THE COUNTRY MIGHT HAVE BEEN GROUNDED FOR THE TIME  
BEING.

2. THE PREVAILING CALM SUGGESTS THAT THE REGIME HAS CARRIED OUT  
THE ARRESTS OF GENERALS QADER AND SHAHPOOR WITHOUT  
PROVOKING ANY MAJOR INITIAL REACTION. THIS INDICATES THAT TARAKI  
AND AMIN MUST HAVE MADE THOROUGH PREPARATIONS PRIOR TO THESE

ARRESTS. NEVERTHELESS, WITH THE COMING OF DAYLIGHT,  
OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES COULD CONCEIVABLY BREAK OUT. WE REMAIN  
ALERT, AND WE WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ANY OVER ACTION  
BY DISSIDENT FORCES TAKE PLACE.  
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